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## Dear Neighbor,

Greetings! I am honored and privileged to serve as your Alderman. This is my first newsletter, but I have been in office since my election to office a year ago. Since that time, we have held or participated in more than 50 community meetings, town halls and block watch meetings. Furthermore, we have participated in a number of community walks and community clean-ups.

In fact, one of policies that I instituted when I took office was to change how community meetings occur in our part of town. I have broken the district up into four quadrants (based on voting wards), which allows me to hear more specific concerns from each neighborhood. While issues like crime and potholes may be universal, residents' concerns in the Capitol Heights neighborhood near N. 60th Street and W. Capitol Drive differ in some ways from those in neighborhoods near N. 107th Street and W. Mill Road.

I also host smaller community meetings with one or two voting wards to target concerns specific to a few blocks. I hope that you have or will consider attending these meetings so that I can hear any concerns you may have. If you haven't heard from us recently, please feel free to reach out to my office or sign up to receive 2nd Aldermanic District updates by email at [milwaukee.gov/enotify](mailto:milwaukee.gov/enotify).

One of my top priorities is to create better access to government for residents in my district. In other words, it has been and continues to be my focus to bring City Hall to you. To do that, we host in-district office hours at the Midtown Starbucks (5610 W. Capitol Dr.). This standing meeting time will take place the second Friday of each month from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.



On top of my responsibilities as Alderman, I have the equally important job of being a husband and a father. Every day, I strive to make Milwaukee a great place for our neighbors, and also for my wife and son. We live in the 2nd District's Capitol Heights neighborhood near Midtown Center. If you see me around, don't hesitate to say hello!

Finally, thank you for the distinct honor of serving as your representative on the Milwaukee Common Council. My pledge to you is that I will continue to engage with neighbors and residents about city services and new policies, and I will continue to fight to make Milwaukee a great place to live and work. Never hesitate to contact my office with questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Cavalier "Chevy" Johnson  
Alderman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District



### Lead-Safe Milwaukee ➤

The City of Milwaukee has made childhood lead poisoning prevention a top priority for more than 20 years. Through significant investments, there has been a 90 percent decline in blood lead levels higher than 10 micrograms per deciliter and a nearly 70 percent decline in blood lead levels at 5 micrograms or higher. But we have much more work to do. There is no safe level of lead in a child's blood, and far too many children in Milwaukee are still reported each year to have elevated levels of lead in their blood.

That is why Alderman Johnson joined Mayor Barrett, the City of Milwaukee Health Department and Milwaukee Water Works to launch the Lead-Safe Milwaukee campaign. Through this campaign, the city is working to be sure that parents and caregivers are aware of the primary ways they can prevent childhood lead exposure and that children are tested for lead by their health care providers.

Alderman Johnson is also pleased to announce that he has been selected to serve on the city's Water Quality Task Force, which oversees the important job of keeping water safe and lead-free.

For more information on the main sources of lead exposure and what you can do to be sure your children are protected, visit [LeadSafeMke.com](http://LeadSafeMke.com). ■

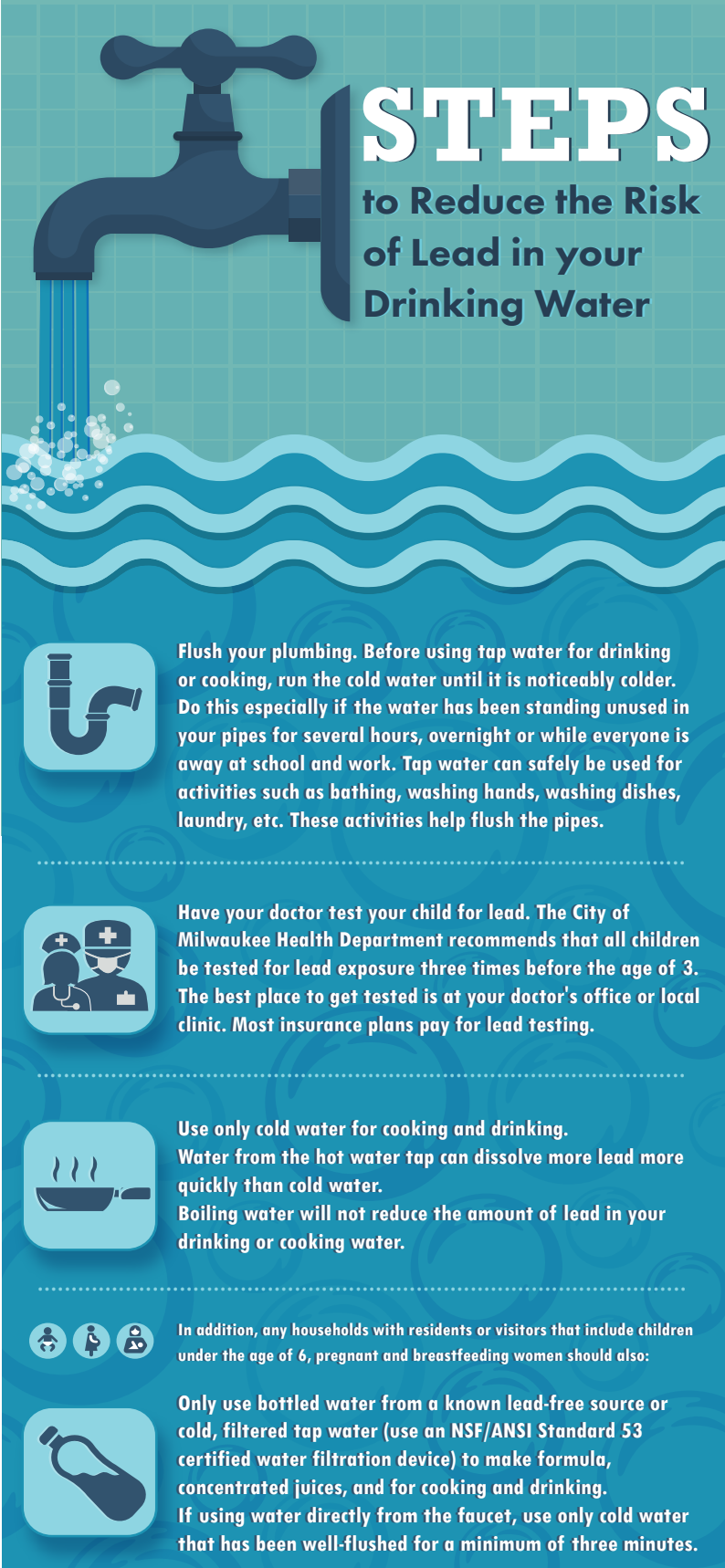
### New Clinic at Midtown Center Offers Local Care ➤

A new state-of-the-art Children's Hospital of Wisconsin medical and dental clinic at Midtown Center is bringing top-notch care closer to children across a large portion of Milwaukee, a welcome addition in a bustling area of the city, according to Alderman Johnson.

The Midtown Clinic, located at 5433 W. Fond du Lac Ave. in a former Office Depot, has been transformed into exam rooms, waiting areas and clinic spaces that are large, open and welcoming, Alderman Johnson said.


"Prior to the clinic opening, pediatric health care options were few and far between on the northwest side, where we have a large population of young children and families," the alderman said. "Kids in our neighborhoods deserve this kind of access to one of the top pediatric hospitals in the country."


The new, 20,000-square-foot Midtown Clinic offers pediatric and adolescent primary care, behavioral medicine and dental care with state-of-the-art technology and amenities designed specifically for pediatric patients and their families, including access to bus lines and convenient on-site parking, Alderman Johnson said. ■





## STEPS


### to Reduce the Risk of Lead in your Drinking Water

 **Flush your plumbing.** Before using tap water for drinking or cooking, run the cold water until it is noticeably colder. Do this especially if the water has been standing unused in your pipes for several hours, overnight or while everyone is away at school and work. Tap water can safely be used for activities such as bathing, washing hands, washing dishes, laundry, etc. These activities help flush the pipes.

 **Have your doctor test your child for lead.** The City of Milwaukee Health Department recommends that all children be tested for lead exposure three times before the age of 3. The best place to get tested is at your doctor's office or local clinic. Most insurance plans pay for lead testing.

 **Use only cold water for cooking and drinking.** Water from the hot water tap can dissolve more lead more quickly than cold water. Boiling water will not reduce the amount of lead in your drinking or cooking water.

 **In addition, any households with residents or visitors that include children under the age of 6, pregnant and breastfeeding women should also:**

 **Only use bottled water from a known lead-free source or cold, filtered tap water (use an NSF/ANSI Standard 53 certified water filtration device) to make formula, concentrated juices, and for cooking and drinking. If using water directly from the faucet, use only cold water that has been well-flushed for a minimum of three minutes.**

### Council Signs off on “Ban the Box” Legislation for City Job Applicants ➤

New legislation co-sponsored by Alderman Johnson enshrines as law the City of Milwaukee’s practice of eliminating questions about prior criminal history from applications for employment with the city.

The city’s Department of Employee Relations enacted a policy several years ago that removed requirements for applicants to check a box indicating if they had a criminal past. But Alderman Johnson said that approving a council resolution on the matter created a higher degree of permanence for the “Ban the Box” policy, and demonstrates to other local employers the city’s commitment to helping ex-offenders find jobs.

“Once someone has paid their debt to society and atoned for their wrongdoing, their past mistakes should not dictate their future endeavors,” Alderman Johnson said. “I am proud to say that, as the employer of around 7,000 municipal employees, the City of Milwaukee continues to stay ahead of the curve on this important issue.”

While finding stable, family-sustaining employment is critical for ex-offenders who are seeking to reintegrate into society, Alderman Johnson said that the stigma of their criminal history is often difficult to overcome—sometimes leading to recidivism. He said many potential employers include questions about criminal history on the initial application for employment, and that information can be used to unlawfully discriminate against job applicants.

When appropriate and allowable under the law, candidates for employment with the city will be subjected to background checks further along in the hiring process, after their individual qualifications have been considered. ■



### A Chance for a Clean Slate at Warrant Withdrawal Wednesdays ➤

A special series of walk-in court sessions in November helped thousands of Milwaukeeans get their record right with the Milwaukee Municipal Court, lifting warrants and creating simple payment plans for fines they owed to the city.

More importantly, officials at the municipal court stress that anyone can contact them to arrange to have warrants lifted and driver’s licenses reinstated. They stress that no one will be arrested for appearing in court to work out a resolution to their court cases.

“People can rack up fines with the city through all kinds of relatively innocent mistakes,” Alderman Johnson said. “But the problem gets much worse when they fail to pay their fines in a timely manner, and the judges are forced to issue a warrant. Our municipal court judges would much rather work with citizens to resolve their issues than have them arrested.”

In the month of November, the Milwaukee Municipal Court hosted three “Warrant Withdrawal Wednesdays,” day-long open court sessions specifically to help resolve court issues.

During these events, 2,400 defendants appeared in court, representing a total of 15,397 cases. More than 1,500 defendants had warrants withdrawn, 1,048 had driver’s license suspensions vacated and 158 had vehicle registration denials vacated. More than 500 defendants had payment installment plans approved for an estimated 4,270 cases, involving a balance of more than \$584,000. In addition, 1,078 defendants who hadn’t previously appeared in court for their cases did so.

“I would urge anyone with outstanding municipal court warrants to reach out and get your issues resolved before they become a greater problem,” Alderman Johnson said.

Visit [milwaukee.gov/citycourt](http://milwaukee.gov/citycourt) or call 286-3800 to learn more. ■

### Click2Work Email List Connects Residents to Job Opportunities ➤

Milwaukee residents who are interested in staying up-to-date on job openings throughout the city, career fairs and vocational training opportunities can now sign up to receive regular email and text updates from the city.

Users can register for the Click2Work E-Notify list at [milwaukee.gov/enotify](http://milwaukee.gov/enotify). There, new users can sign up for an E-Notify account, and those with an existing account can subscribe to the Click2Work list under the “Information Updates” category. ■



## Window Tint Legislation Helping Fight Crime ➤

The city has a new tool to fight criminals who hide behind the tinted glass on their cars, thanks to legislation sponsored by Alderman Johnson.

The new city ordinance prohibits car owners and businesses from tinting car windows too darkly, and imposes fines between \$500 and \$1,000 for anyone who is caught in violation. Alderman Johnson said illegal window tint is a serious concern, because it allows mobile drug dealing operations and reckless drivers to operate anonymously in neighborhoods.

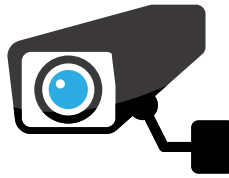
“If we take away their ability to hide their identities from their neighbors, we can more easily force drug dealers and dangerous drivers who are causing problems citywide to face the consequences of their actions,” Alderman Johnson said.

Alderman Johnson encourages residents to write down the license plate numbers of any vehicles they observe breaking the law and report them to their local MPD district. Those non-emergency numbers include the following:

📞 **MPD District 4: 414-935-7242**

📞 **MPD District 7: 414-935-7272**

## Cameras Will Create More Security in Neighborhoods ➤



The City of Milwaukee will put \$150,000 toward surveillance cameras and other efforts to support neighborhood block watches this year, under a budget amendment co-sponsored by Alderman Johnson.

“Sometimes the most effective way to combat neighborhood crime isn’t just to send in extra officers,” Alderman Johnson said, “but to mobilize the residents themselves against a criminal nuisance they would rather see go away.”

By fostering a more holistic approach to public safety, the council was able to set aside \$150,000 to support neighborhood block watch efforts. The funds will pay for signage, cameras and additional street lighting in 15 neighborhoods which experience a high incidence of mobile drug-dealing.

**Residents who believe their block is in need of cameras or extra lighting should contact Alderman Johnson’s office to express their interest.**

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## Westlawn Being Redeveloped as a Choice Neighborhood ➤

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM) is working to demolish outdated buildings in the Westlawn public housing property and build hundreds of new apartments and houses, with the help of a \$30 million federal “Choice Neighborhood” grant.

Milwaukee has already redeveloped the eastern segment of the property into Westlawn Gardens, and the grant allows the western half to be completed next. Work is expected to begin this summer.

HACM will demolish 394 old affordable apartments and build in their place 708 new housing units. The new apartments will

include at least 394 affordable units for low-income residents, market-rate apartments and some owner-occupied homes. A new building on Silver Spring Drive will have first-floor retail space with housing on the upper levels. The project follows Milwaukee’s completion of 250 new housing units on the eastern portion of Westlawn.

The grant also included \$8 million for revitalization efforts in neighborhoods around Westlawn. HACM was among five of the 33 institutions from around the country which were selected to receive a grant. ■

## WHAT'S NEW



## BOOKS IN THE BARBERSHOP

### Books in Barbershops an Opportunity for Learning ➤

A new partnership arranged by Alderman Johnson is providing young men and women with an opportunity to learn to love reading every time they visit the barber shop.

"No issue in our community is more pressing than the educational achievement disparity between white and black students," Alderman Johnson said. "Every opportunity we have to expose them to reading material is a chance to get them started on a path to success—even if they're just sitting in a barber's chair."

By partnering with the Milwaukee Public Library, Sharp Literacy, Milwaukee Public Schools and Northcott Neighborhood House, Alderman Johnson helped develop the "Books in Barbershops" program, which makes reading material available for free in local barbershops. Alderman Johnson said he hopes to get more shops involved in the program soon. ■



#### Participating Barbershops:

Chicago Cutz - 6828 W. Capitol Dr.

Sho-N-Out Barbershop - 5501 W. North Ave.

P's Classic Kutz - 5194 N. Teutonia Ave.

### Alderman Johnson Creates Early Education Task Force ➤

An Early Education Task Force will examine the early childhood achievement gap among Milwaukee children and establish a unified, city-wide approach to literacy, under legislation sponsored by Alderman Johnson.

The resolution creates a 13-member panel of civic and community leaders that will launch a birth-to-school literacy initiative to promote greater equity among Milwaukee's children as they enter school. The efforts will involve close partnerships with parents, caregivers, educators, day care operators and health care providers, providing them with the support and resources they need to prepare infants and young children for school. "There are some young students who started to learn the

skills they need to succeed long before they ever set foot in a school," Alderman Johnson said, "but there are also students whose home environments aren't so supportive, and those kids can spend a lifetime trying to catch up."

Alderman Johnson said the initiative will be critical to helping align Milwaukee Public Schools outreach and early education initiatives with the Common Council's Promise Zone initiative for community revitalization in distressed neighborhoods. ■



## DISTRICT WIDE TOWN HALL MEETING

Please join Alderman Cavalier Johnson for a 2<sup>nd</sup> District Town Hall Meeting. Representatives from the Milwaukee Police Department, Department of Neighborhood Services and the Department of Public Works will be in attendance. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**WHEN:**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2017 • 6:00 P.M.**

**WHERE:**

**Carmen Middle School (Auditorium) • 5496 N. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street**



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A new development in the 2nd Aldermanic District is providing the area's growing Hmong and Asian population with a place to purchase specialty foods and gather as a community. The locally-owned Phongsavan Milwaukee Asian Market is located at 6300 N. 76th St. Alderman Johnson is a regular customer, and urges residents to support local businesses like this one.



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## Alderman Johnson Seeks Entrants in Home Maintenance Contest ➤

Residents of the 2nd Aldermanic District who take extra care to maintain their homes and their yards are invited to submit an entry to win one of Alderman Johnson's GRASS Awards.

The GRASS (Green & Healthy, Responsible, Appealing, Safety & Service) Awards will recognize residents who take meticulous care of their property, thereby promoting neighborhood safety and property values.

Winners will be recognized at a district-wide town hall meeting in November.

Entrants have until June 30 to submit their name, phone number, address and photos of their well-maintained property by emailing [Todd.Miller@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Todd.Miller@milwaukee.gov). ■